

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-28 are pending in this application. Claims 11, 16, 21 and 26-28 are amended by the present amendment.

Amendments to the claims find support in the specification as originally filed at least at Figure 1. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 11-20 were objected to as being substantial duplicates of Claims 6-10; Claims 26-28 were objected to as being in improper dependent form; Claims 11, 16, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 6-10 were allowed; and Claims 22-25 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of Claims 6-10 and indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 22-25.

Regarding the objection to Claims 11-20, independent Claims 11 and 16 are amended to recite a power converting apparatus that includes, in part, a controller, which is not recited in Claims 6-10. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 11-20 are not substantial duplicates of allowed Claims 6-10. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the objection to Claims 11-20 be withdrawn.

Further, regarding the objections to Claims 26-28, Claims 26-28 are amended to be in proper dependent form. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the objection to Claims 26-28 also be withdrawn.

Further, regarding the rejection of Claims 11, 16, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claims 11, 16, and 21 are amended to correctly recite antecedent basis for

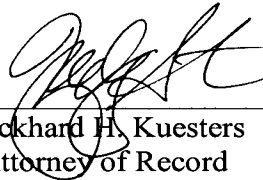
all terms. Therefore, it is respectfully requested the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, also be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 6, 11, 16, and 21, and claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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